

REMARKS

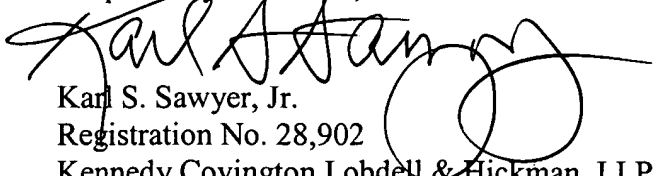
In the Office Action, restriction of this application has been required under 35 USC 121, to a single invention to be elected from two groups of the 60 claims still pending in this application: (a) Group I Claims 1-47; and (b) Group II Claims 48-60.

In response, the applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute in the present application the invention of Group I, namely, claims 1-47. Accordingly, the applicant has canceled the non-elected claims 48-60 of Group II. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a divisional patent application directed to the non-elected invention.

The Office Action additionally requires provisional election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in this application in the event no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In particular, the Office Action requires election between the species of automobiles, watercraft, aircraft, trucks, and race cars. The applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of race cars, in the event that no generic claim is ultimately held to be allowable. However, the applicant respectfully points out that each and every standing claim in this application (i.e., each of claims 1-47) reads on the elected species, and that each of claims 1-28 and 30-47 are generic to all species.

Early examination on the merits and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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